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THE WEATHER

Jerusalem	21	28	21	28
Tel Aviv	22	29	22	29
Lydda	21	28	21	28
Bethlehem	21	28	21	28
Haifa	21	28	21	28

(A) Summary of 11 p.m. 17th. Minimum temperature at Haifa, yesterday, 17.5°C. Maximum, 24.5°C.

Forecast for today: Partly cloudy with occasional showers.

For reference: In the last 24 hours, the amount of rain was 1.5 mm.

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Power Cuts Plague Ice Production

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — No power for the ice factories, which produce about 100 tons of ice daily, when a new plague in the form of electricity interruptions, set in.

The ice manufacturers told The Post today that a large part of this city's 22 factories had their electric supply cut off about four times today.

Each interruption lasted for about half an hour, but for technical reasons each amounted to an hour's cessation of production.

Intermittent current interruptions are being made throughout the country this week (except in the Jerusalem area) because of a breakdown in Haifa. According to the ice manufacturers, the Electric Corporation has promised to exempt them from the cuts in current only when it was technically possible to do so.

Despite the interruptions and breakdowns, ice production is continuing at the rate of about 100 tons a day, on a 24-hour day schedule. The ice manufacturers say they are producing 100 tons a day more, the manufacturers say, if they were supplied adequately with the materials and equipment. This has not been done, despite repeated requests to the Government, these sources claimed.

In normal times, about 60 per cent of the ice is obtained from the sea, and the remainder directly from the factories. Because of the power shortage, however, the ice is now being produced in the factories, and the price at the factory is 115 pruta per block, and from the wagon 125 pruta, plus 10 pruta for each delivery to the house.

Jordan Officers Deported From U.S. Land Here

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Five Jordan nationals, reported to be Army officers who were deported from the U.S., arrived in Haifa this morning in the s.s. La Guardia. According to unverifiable reports they were to be deported from Haifa to Jerusalem and to be turned over to Jordan authorities at Mandelbaum Gate.

The reason for their deportation from the U.S. and for their forcible repatriation could not be ascertained from the police here.

CLASH REPORTED BY JORDAN PAPER

Several Jews were believed to have been killed and others wounded during a clash with Arab Legion troops on Monday night, when more than 300 soldiers attacked Budrus village, 10 kilometres east of Lydda. "A-Diffa" reports. The attack was reported to have lasted more than an hour.

A protest was submitted to the Mixed Armistice Commission, the report added.

11,000 IN JORDAN WANT PEACE — MOSCOW

Eleven thousand signatures calling for a Five-Power peace pact have been collected in Jordan, Moscow radio reported yesterday. It was the first "peace" drive ever organized in the country and was carried out under conditions of "brutal repression," the report added.

Use Helicopters, Expert Says

A string of low-cost helicopter stations to improve communications throughout the country has been advocated by Mr. Naim Aslan, noted London architect and town planning consultant, now on a visit to Jerusalem. He is one of the judges in the Herzl Monument competition.

Mr. Aslan designed the plans for London's first helicopter passenger terminal now being considered by the House of Commons. Intended to be built over the junction of Charing Cross railway bridge and the Victoria Embankment, it would be used to transport air passengers from the heart of London to the outlying airfields in 10 minutes instead of the hour presently required by road transport.

The helicopter idea is especially timely now with plans underway to construct a new airfield in Jerusalem. A small helicopter field at a far lower cost to construct and maintain could carry passengers to and from Lydda. In addition, to linking the capital with other points. Such places as Tiberias, Safad, and Beersheba where it would not be economical to build standard airfields would be in easy reach of the main centres of the population. Helicopters, which now carry more than 20 passengers, could also be used for mail delivery.

All that is needed for a small station, Mr. Aslan noted, was a flat clearing of about 20 metres in diameter, with a few trees to shelter it from the wind. The cost of such a station is estimated at about 100,000 pruta, and the cost of a helicopter is about 100,000 pruta. The cost of a helicopter is about 100,000 pruta, and the cost of a station is about 100,000 pruta.

BAR TO BUY 1,500 BUSES

About 1,500 standard-type Chausson buses will be purchased in France by Mr. Michael Bar, Controller of Road Transport, who left for France last week. Ministry of Communications sources in Jerusalem said yesterday.

Some alterations will be made, however, to suit the Israeli terrain, according to suggestions forwarded by Israeli experts after several weeks of experimental driving in a Chausson bus here.

The date of delivery is not yet known, but it is believed that the buses will not arrive before the merger of the inter-urban cooperatives in August.

DAN TO MEET JOSEPH ON FARES

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Dr. Dov Joseph, the Minister of Communications, is expected to receive a delegation of the Dan Bus Cooperative shortly to discuss an increase in fares on Tel Aviv bus routes.

The report that the Dan management was planning a warning strike was denied by the Dan managers here today.

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Farm Bank Loans Total N. 470,000

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Government Agricultural Bank has already lent N. 470,000 in two months of activity. Mr. H. Halperin, Director, said this morning.

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors, Mr. P. Lavon, the Minister of Agriculture, was present at the meeting.

About one half of this sum went for irrigation and a third was loaned for dairy development purposes. Mr. Halperin said. The bank will also finance for practically every conceivable purpose connected with agriculture, and no legitimate application would be turned down, the speaker said. A maximum of five per cent interest would be levied, and should the bank make a profit, this sum would be loaned to farmers.

Veterans' 'Boo' Alleged Swindler

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITM). — Charged with absconding with N. 10,000 from funds for an air-force veterans' housing scheme, Yehuda Shragal, 30, of Jafa, entered for preliminary hearings today amid the boos and shouts of a group of the men he had allegedly swindled.

Witnesses today described how the "Mordochai Shragal" housing company had been formed. When the first plans were not realized, the company was dissolved and the members withdrew their deposits.

Only a year later was a discovery made that the company had been formed, and the members withdrew their deposits. The company was dissolved and the members withdrew their deposits.

Defence Permitted To Study Police Files

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday gave the defence in the murder trial of David Ezra, "The Limping One," permission to examine the files of a recent police inquiry into charges that the accused and other witnesses at the trial had been maltreated.

Soldier Loses Arm In Bus Collision

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — A soldier's arm was torn off and two other passengers received slight injuries when the bus in which they were travelling from Beersheba to Tel Aviv was struck a glancing blow by a heavy-duty trailer north of the bridge near Beersheba this afternoon. All three had their arms projecting out of the window.

The soldier was immediately given first aid by an officer in the bus, and was taken to Beersheba Hospital here.

"FABRICATION FROM START TO FINISH"

Yesterday's reports in "Al Hamishmar" implying that artillery pieces were brought up to mark the Prime Minister's appearance at the Kfar Atia members was "fabricated from start to finish," according to an official statement issued last night.

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Refugee Problems Cause Concern In Europe In Mid-East

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (UPI). — Six years after the end of World War II, the refugee problem in Western Europe is still acute because of the continued outpouring of refugees from the iron curtain countries, according to a U.N. report.

Doctor G. J. van Heuven Goedhart, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said in a report just issued that "new refugees are constantly appearing in the countries of free Europe" — apparently referring to Germany and Austria. He added that the prevalent world opinion is that the refugee problem is still acute because of the continued outpouring of refugees from the iron curtain countries, according to a U.N. report.

The Commissioner estimated that his office will be concerned with almost 2,000,000 refugees during the year. He has already issued with officials of the Lebanese Government and is expected to leave soon for conferences in Damascus, Amman and Cairo. He also will be at the U.N. contributing nations, homes and livelihoods could be provided for about 250,000 persons annually.

Rising Costs

Meanwhile rising prices of food and other relief supplies and the high cost of transport have made the financial picture for the present year very bleak.

However, in order to maintain the progress of the programme, President Truman recently included in the Mutual Security Programme a request for \$100 million for the U.S. contribution to the Refugee Assistance Programme.

The Commissioner placed considerable stress on the problem of the residual group of refugees in Germany and Austria. "A very large proportion of these refugees have been in the camps since the end of the war," he said. "It should also be remembered that many of the inmates of these camps were forced to live in even more deplorable conditions during the war itself. The camps at best only meet a minimum of social and hygienic requirements."

Ex-Inspector Fined For Seeking Bribe

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A former Ministry of Supply and Rationing inspector was sentenced to three months in prison by the Haifa District Court here today for attempting to extort an N. 100 bribe from Mrs. Haya Danziger, a Haifa grocer, last October.

The ex-inspector, Yacov Shalowsky, who was found at the time, had promised to stop publication of a report on a violation by Mrs. Danziger in return for the payment. Shalowsky was released on N. 500 bail to enable him to appeal the sentence.

U.S. VIDEO, RADIO STARS HERE

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday (ITM). — Radio and television stars, Jinx Falkenberg, and her partner-husband, Tex Macready, arrived here by Cyprus Airways tonight on a four-day visit as part of a tour of eight countries. They are gathering copy for television broadcasts over the N.B.C. network.

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Ship's Master Tells Cables in Brief Of Suez Search

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuters). — At least 50 Egyptian minesweepers searched the Suez Canal for the missing Egyptian ship, the Captain Ralston, reported to the Foreign Office. The crew were then confirmed as having been rescued and 250 worth of goods were loaded from the ship's stores.

The captain's detailed report on the incident, which has been the subject of an official British protest, was given by a Foreign Office spokesman at a press conference here yesterday.

Captain Ralston said that Egyptian Corvette No. 61 halted his ship by firing two shots across his bow 4 miles south-west of the Suez Canal, off the Gulf of Akaba. An armed party headed by the corvette's First Lieutenant then boarded the steamer.

Israel Should Attend Youth Parley — Berlin

The "reactionary" Israel Government's undemocratic decision, in preventing an Israeli delegation from participating in the Berlin Youth Festival, due to be held next month, has been sharply criticized by Radio Bucharest and the East German Communist radio network.

It is reported that Manfred von Brauchitsch, the well-known German racing motorist and former S.S. leader, has been appointed vice-chairman of the Festival preparatory committee.

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THE murder of Rial Bey el-Solh in Beirut promises developments which will be watched with concern throughout the Middle East. The assassin belongs to the Lebanese Nationalist Party which Rial Bey, as premier, had proscribed in 1949, but it does not follow that as a result of the murder the Nationalists will return to power.

He was murdered in vengeance for the execution of the Nationalist "Fuehrer", Anton Saade, who was court-martialed, sentenced to death and executed while Rial Bey was in power. The tradition of the blood feud has died harder than some of the more amiable Arab customs. Formal political executions are rare in Arab countries, for where government is a matter of grasping power rather than receiving it by popular consent, drastic action is still the personal preserve of the ruler rather than an abstract administrative procedure. In the eyes of the Nationalists, Saade's execution was no less a murder because it had legal sanction; this only made it the more deliberate and defiant. It is not surprising that on the whole Arabs in power prefer to imprison or exile their enemies.

Among Arab statesmen, Rial Bey was comparatively modern in his political technique. Turkish-born and trained in law at Istanbul, cradle of many of Arab politicians of his generation—and of not a few of Israel's—his pursuit of Arab League power politics, support of Amin el-Husseini and fanatical hostility to the Jews and Israel, showed a consistent and logical Pan-Arab line. It is not likely that his current talks with Abdullah, always apt to woo any Arab politician temporarily out of a job, had any bearing on his death, while on a visit to Amman, beyond that of having offered a convenient opportunity for the assassin who had tried, and failed, last year.

For an Arab politician there is no security today from murder even in the most devoted loyalty to his people. In its emergence from the feudalism of a generation ago the Middle East has found the gun and its faithful companions, slander, blatant deception and incitement, irresistibly easier to the hand than the slow and difficult methods of achievement and persuasion attempted by statesmen of the West. Force and fanaticism have been both preached and practised in the Arab countries for a period of years; they have claimed the lives of leaders in every country, and have brought Syria at least to a state of anarchy where no man dare form a government for fear of the army's tyranny. Lebanon, with a Christian majority and a higher standard both of education and political understanding than its neighbours, might have hoped to remain outside this fatal circle. It is at least likely that Rial Bey himself contributed no little toward the present anarchy when he dragged the Lebanon into the war against Israel.

THERE is something fascinating about a pipe. There it lies, a simply tubular piece of metal, joining distant points and conveying across wastes valuable things like water and oil. The pipe supplies the stock jobs about the plumber who did his share of building the house before the rest of the workmen arrived, leaving a fantastic tubular skeleton supported on nothing. Then there are underwater pipes which contain inter-continental cables, along which hum the feverish messages of high finance and low diplomacy. How many Roman aqueducts would not have had to be erected if these ancient chaps had really understood the laws of siphoning! To a layman, there are two astounding things about a pipe-line, apart from the one that liquid can be made to run up hill by means of it. One is that the joints do not—as far as one can judge—leak. The other is that tapping done at one point on the line can be heard miles away. Communication by tapping would be less exhausting than the Red Indian method of kindling a fire and then blanketing the billows of smoke, and probably more efficient even than the latest phone network.

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A.I.O.C. HANDS OVER SMALL OILFIELD Iranian Directors' First Test

By Flora Lewis
ABADAN—ALTHOUGH the Persian nationalisation officials have been happily sniping away at the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's organization for the past six weeks, they are now faced with responsibility for an actual unit, for the first time, of petroleum production. And the signs are that if they possibly can they will refuse.

Last week the A.I.O.C. pulled its last five British engineers out of the Gachsaran oilfield, a small post, normally producing two million tons of crude oil yearly, in the isolated hills of the Qashgai tribal country.

The oilfield has been left in the charge of A.E. Beheshti, a Liverpool University graduate and Persian employee of Anglo-Iranian. The 533 Persian staff and labourers employed at Gachsaran have been transferred off the A.I.O.C. payroll.

Refused Responsibility

Even this small beginning of the transfer of A.I.O.C. installations has been made easy for the Persians because the British have carefully capped the wells at Gachsaran. All the Persians will have to do is a small amount of maintenance, guard the machinery against looting, and look after the workers. Nevertheless, the Persian directors have said they will refuse to accept responsibility for any mishaps, although they will probably tell the Military Governor to issue security orders.

The Persian tactics at Abadan continue to be to harass the A.I.O.C. as much as possible.

able and progressively cut its representatives here from contact with the outside world. M. Kazem Haidari, member of the Oil Nationalization Board, told me the reason for the demand that communications be turned over to a nominee of the Persian directors was: "We must know what the plans and intentions are. We cannot allow dispositions to be made in secret." In other words, the Persian attitude is: "This is our oil company and although we are not yet ready to run it ourselves we intend to make sure it is run only in our interests as we see them."

Anti-British Motivation

The Persians have convinced themselves now that they want to sever all connection with the British oil companies and they will not halt until they have done so. There seems little doubt that any conceivable offer the Anglo-Iranian might make, regardless of how far it goes to meet Persian demands, would be rejected simply because it came from the British.

If nothing else were involved the best policy for the Anglo-Iranian would certainly seem to be to cut its losses, leave Persia, block Persia's appeals for other help, and let the country wallow in the consequences of its own impetuous unaided. But because of the world political struggle such a course is considered too dangerous. There is ample evidence that even if the British Government approved of such a course the American Government would bring all possible pressure to bear to prevent its being carried out.

Pressures are mounting in

all the oilfields around the Persian Gulf, according to a diplomatic official who has just made a survey of the effect of the Persian crisis. If it becomes clear that Persia has succeeded in its oil nationalization, he said, Kuwait, which at present has a small production but is said by experts to be the richest oilfield in the world, will probably explode into similar action within three months. The Iraqi Government is also closely following the Persian situation. The temporary agreement just made with the Iraq Petroleum Company, one-quarter of which is owned by the Anglo-Iranian Company, is a "marking time" pact, the official said, until the Iraqis decide whether or not they are likely to do well in following the Persian example.

Kuwait Expansion

The Anglo-Iranian owns fifty per cent of the producing company in Kuwait and its officials have indicated that they are relying heavily on the expansion of Kuwait output to make up crude supplies if Persian oil is definitely cut off. American companies working on the Arabian side of the Persian Gulf at Dhahran, Bahrain and Qatar, are also beginning to notice the unsettling effects of what is happening here. Recommendations are to be made that in all these areas preventive action should be taken soon without awaiting the final outcome of the Persian dispute. Action, it is felt, must take the form of specific gestures of generosity on the initiative of the oil companies before they find themselves in the position of being what Persian Premier Mossadeq called simply "too late."

TENSION MOUNTS IN ARMY-DOMINATED SYRIA Pistol-Point Regime in Damascus

By Gideon Welgert
THE assassins of the Lebanese Premier Rial Bey el-Solh are reported to be members of the outlawed pro-Nazi nationalist Party, "El Hizb al-Qawmi." This party's slogan used to be, "Syria for the Syrians from the Mountains of Taurus to the Suez Canal."

The leader of the party, Anton Saadeh, had learned a great deal from his Nazi masters during World War II and was executed by Rial Bey el-Solh for conspiracy against the Lebanon. He had plotted with the dictator of Syria, Colonel Husni A-Zaim, to overthrow the Lebanese regime.

Now, two years after his death, members of his party managed to avenge him in Amman. The assassins are said to have gone to Amman from Damascus.

Damascus and Aleppo are both tense at the moment and the atmosphere is threatening. Parliament is to be dissolved following the resignation of the President and many of the members.

Colonel Adib Shishaki has recently succeeded in taking

over the government by coup for the second time. He had dismissed the Commander-in-Chief, Azzam Bannoud, and promoted himself to the highest position in the country. Observers believe that Shishaki was behind the Amman crime.

The Lebanon is weak at present, a year and a half after the economic union with Syria came to an end. Syria is also weak, but Shishaki believed that once the Huleh affair was over, he could bring about a revolt in the Lebanon. Without a feeling of tension, he cannot stay in office long.

Cabinet Reshuffle

The last Syrian elections were in November, 1949, and were won by the A-Shaah Party with Dr. Nazim el Kudi then chosen Premier. Dr. Kudi resigned because he could not run the country's civilian affairs with constant army intervention, and he was succeeded by Khaleel el Azem, the only Damascus statesman willing to take orders from Shishaki.

It was clear that any government not based on the A-

Shah majority could not last to the Arab League in Cairo. Aware of the increasing tension in the country, Khaleel el Azem's cabinet has introduced a bill asking for the dissolution of Parliament. There are only two alternatives for any future regime in Damascus: either they will be free elections which will bring the A-Shaah party into the cabinet and Parliament again, or else, and most likely under the present circumstances, pistol-point elections by which Shishaki will retain his power, with military regime supporting the opposition to Dr. Nazim el Kudi.

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Huleh Situation Exploded. Colonel Shishaki has cleverly exploited the "Zionist danger in the Huleh region" to keep the people quiet. He has been aided by many persons in Damascus who were opposed to Dr. Nazim el Kudi.

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